

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATIONS ON ADEQUACY

in

Furfuryl Alcohol from China and Thailand Inv. Nos. 731-TA-703 and 705

On August 3, 2000, the Commission determined that it should proceed to full reviews of the outstanding antidumping duty orders on furfuryl alcohol from China and Thailand pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended. The Commission, in consultation with the Department of Commerce, grouped these reviews because they involve similar domestic like products.¹

In *Furfuryl Alcohol From Thailand*, the Commission received adequate responses from Harborchem, a domestic producer of furfuryl alcohol and the petitioner in the original investigation, and Penn Speciality Chemicals, Inc., a domestic producer of the domestic like product. The Commission also received an adequate response from Indo-rama Chemicals Ltd., a producer of the subject merchandise in Thailand. Because the Commission received an adequate response from domestic producers accounting for all U.S. production, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate. Because the Commission received an adequate response from a producer accounting for all Thai production, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response was adequate. Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to a full review in *Furfuryl Alcohol From Thailand*.

In *Furfuryl Alcohol From China*, in addition to an adequate response from the domestic producers, Harborchem and Penn Speciality Chemicals, Inc., the Commission received responses from Sinochem International Furan Chemicals, Ltd., Shandong Zhucheng Chemical Co., Ltd., Shandong Baofeng Chemicals Group, Linzi Organic Chemical Inc., Jilin Sanchun Chemical Hebei Fuheng Co., Ltd., Shanxi Province Gaoping Chemical Industry Co., Ltd., Linzi Organic Chemical Inc., Qingdao Import and Export, producers of the subject merchandise, and the China Chamber of Commerce of Metals, Minerals and Chemicals ("CCCMC"). The Commission determined that the responses of all eight producers were adequate, but determined that CCCMC was not an interested party for purposes of the adequacy determination because CCCMC did not demonstrate that a majority of its members are producers or exporters of the subject merchandise.^{2 3} Because the Commission received an adequate response from domestic producers accounting for a substantial percentage of U.S. production, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate. Because the Commission received an adequate response from producers accounting for a substantial percentage of Chinese production of the subject imports, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response was adequate.⁴ Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to a full review in *Furfuryl Alcohol From China*.

A record of the Commissioners' votes is available from the Office of the Secretary and at the Commission's web site.

¹ See 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(5)(D).

² Commissioner Bragg dissenting. Commissioner Bragg determined that the responses from the eight Chinese producers were inadequate, and that CCCMC is not an interested party.

³ Commissioner Askey determined that the response from CCCMC was inadequate.

⁴ Commissioner Bragg dissenting. Commissioner Bragg determined that the respondent interested party group response was inadequate, but that a full review is appropriate in light of her determination to conduct a full review in *Furfuryl Alcohol From Thailand*.